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1. DR. ABDEL RAZZAK ABDEL MEGUID - MINISTER OF PLANNING
BORN MAY 4, 1931, IN ALEXANDRIA. GRADUATED (1950)
FROM FACULTY OF COMMERCE, ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY.
HOLDS M.A. (1955) IN ECONOMICS FROM BIRMINGHAM
UNIVERSITY AND PH.D. IN ECONOMIC PLANNING (1957) FROM
OXFORD UNIVERSITY. HE HAS SERVED AS DIRECTOR
OF REGIONAL PLANNING PROJECTS IN ASWAN, VISITING
PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC
RESEARCH AT
ALEXANDRIA BANK, AND ADVISOR TO HIGHER
ADMINISTRATION INSTITUTE. HE HAS SERVED AS UN EXPERT
IN SRI LANKA, AS DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING, AND IN
FEBRUARY 1977 WAS APPOINTED VICE CHAIRMAN OF ARAB AND
FOREIGN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY. HE WAS APPOINTED EGYPTIAN
MINISTER FOR PLANNING IN APRIL 1977 AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL
IN WORK ON FIVE YEAR PLAN. HE LEFT MINISTRY OF PLANNING
IN OCTOBER 1977 TO TAKE POST AS ASSISTANT TO UN SECRETARY
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GENERAL FOR DEVELOPING STATES AFFAIRS. (WE UNDERSTAND
THAT HE RETAINS HIS UN POSITION BUT HAS TAKEN A LEAVE
OF ABSENCE AT PRESIDENT SADAT'S REQUEST TO PUT SOME
FINISHING TOUCHES ON THE FIVE YEAR PLAN. THIS SUGGESTS
THAT HE MIGHT NOT BE IN OFFICE TOO LONG. SPECULATION
AT MIN PLANNING IS THAT HE WILL BE AROUND SOME FIVE
MONTHS.) MEGUID HAS REPUTATION FOR BEING IMAGINATIVE,

ARTICULATE ECONOMIST, BUT IS CONSIDERED BY HIS PEERS TO BE PERHAPS LESS THAN SERIOUS IN HIS COMMITMENT TO LONG HAUL WORK NECESSARY TO BEGIN EGYPTIAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. HE HAS WRITTEN WORKS ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FEATURES OF EGYPTIAN GOVERNORATES, ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, AND ON BANKING SYSTEMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE DAUGHTERS. HIS ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT.

2. DR. MAHMOUD MOHAMED DAOUD - MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE DAOUD GRADUATED IN 1948 FROM ALEXANDRIA FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE WITH DEGREE IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY. HE LATER OBTAINED M.A. AND PH.D. IN BIOLOGY. HE STARTED HIS CAREER AS PROFESSOR OF GENETICS AT ALEXANDRIA FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE AND SINCE 1974 HAS SERVED AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE AT SAME UNIVERSITY. HE HAS WRITTEN RESEARCH PAPERS ON EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION. HE HAS SERVED AS CENTER PARTY SECRETARY FOR BABSHARKI AND SIDI GABR CONSTITUENCY IN ALEXANDRIA. DAOUD IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. HIS ENGLISH IS VERY GOOD.

3. AHMED MAMDOUH ATTIA - MINISTER OF JUSTICE BORN JULY 1923 IN CAIRO. HOLDS DEGREE FROM FACULTY OF LAW AND HIGHER STUDIES IN GENERAL LAW AND ISLAMIC LAWS. HE HAS MADE IMPORTANT STUDIES ON THE JURY SYSTEM AND A STUDY FOR UN ON HUMAN RIGHTS. HE PARTICIPATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN DRAFTING UNIFIED EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN LAWS. HE IS COUNSELLOR AT COURT OF CASSATION. ATTIA IS MARRIED AND HAS NO CHILDREN.

4. AHMED TALAAT TEWFIK - MINISTER OF HOUSING BORN JULY 9, 1921, AT SAYYED ZEINAB. GRADUATED 1942 FROM CAIRO FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND, AFTER STUDY IN U.S., OBTAINED DIPLOMA IN AIRPORT DESIGN IN 1954. HE HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, CHAIRMAN EGYPTIAN COMPANY FOR BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTIONS, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF EGYPTIAN COMPANY FOR ENGINEERING PROJECTS, CHAIRMAN OF CIVIL CONTRACTORS ORGANIZATION AND ADVISOR TO MINISTER OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION. HE IS MEMBER OF AMERICAN CIVIL ENGINEERS SOCIETY. TEWFIK IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN.

5. NASSEF ABDEL MAKSOUD IBRAHIM TAHOUN - MINISTER OF SUPPLY

BORN FEBRUARY 20, 1935, IN MENOUIA. GRADUATED IN 1958 FROM CAIRO FACULTY OF COMMERCE WITH DEGREE IN ACCOUNTANCY. SINCE 1968 HE HAS SERVED AS PEOPLES

ASSEMBLY MEMBER FOR SHAMMA CONSTITUENCY, MENOUIA GOVERNORATE. HE HAS BEEN ELECTED AS MEMBER OF BOARD OF CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE FEDERATION AND HAS SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION FOR VEGETABLE AND FRUIT PRODUCERS IN MENOUIA. TAHOUN IS MARRIED AND HAS CHILDREN. EILTS

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